

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 587  
By Stulce

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Kurt Emmanuele and the Baylor School girls' volleyball team on winning the 1997 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II state championship.

WHEREAS, the sport of volleyball started in Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1895, and has seen a tremendous growth in popularity over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Baylor School girls' volleyball team, which won the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II State Tournament, has significantly added to the glorious tradition of the sport in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Baylor defeated Girls Preparatory School to win the East Region; and

WHEREAS, in exciting Pool 2 play, the Red Raiders beat Briarcrest Christian 15-11 and 15-1 in Session 1 and Harding Academy 15-11 and 15-3 in Session 2; and

WHEREAS, in the state tournament semifinal round, Baylor defeated Girls Preparatory School 15-8 and 15-4; and

WHEREAS, after an opening game loss to heavily favored Father Ryan in the championship finals, they trailed early in the second game, fought back and stunned onlookers with an exciting 15-10 victory; and

WHEREAS, after again trailing early in the match, this tremendously talented team took home the tournament trophy with a 16-14 win in the decisive third game; and

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WHEREAS, this was the first time that Baylor School has ever won the state volleyball title; and

WHEREAS, Baylor compiled an enviable 44-8 overall record, a winning percentage of .850; and

WHEREAS, the team has been very fortunate to have the expert guidance of Coach Kurt Emmanuele and Assistant Coach Lynne Stopford; and

WHEREAS, team member honors included: Brooke West, All-State, All-Section and All-City; Abby Studer, All-State, All-Section and All-City; Andrea Shipley, All-Section and All-City; and Lindsey Phillips, Aslynn Johnson, and Inge Tamm Daniels, who were each named All-City; and

WHEREAS, the other members of this outstanding team were: Emily Scarbrough, Brooke Mason, Susan Williams, Amy Stansill, Emily Stulce, Amy Crutchfield, Robyn Johnson, and Kaki McLachian; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially salute the accomplishments of this great team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Kurt Emmanuele and the 1997 Baylor School girls' volleyball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.